

SENATE BILL 573

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;
Title 37 and Title 49, relative to psychiatric
evaluations of certain children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

37-5-132. If a child who is receiving contract services through the department of
children's services (DCS) reports to school threatening to harm self or another person
and the school notifies a crisis telephone-line, law enforcement, DCS or the contractor,
then within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the second complaint the contractor shall
petition a court of competent jurisdiction to order a full inpatient psychiatric evaluation of
the child in accordance with title 33, chapter 6. The contractor shall provide the child
with a minimum of six (6) months of therapeutic counseling for one (1) session per week
when the evaluation recommends such treatment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.